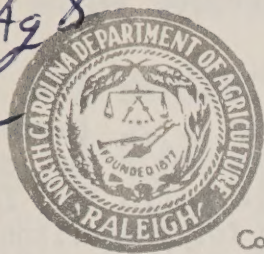
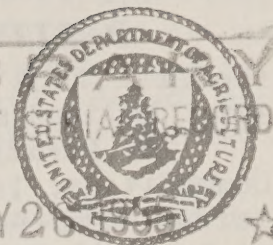


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U. S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP PARITY INDEX STEADY

PARITY RATIO 87

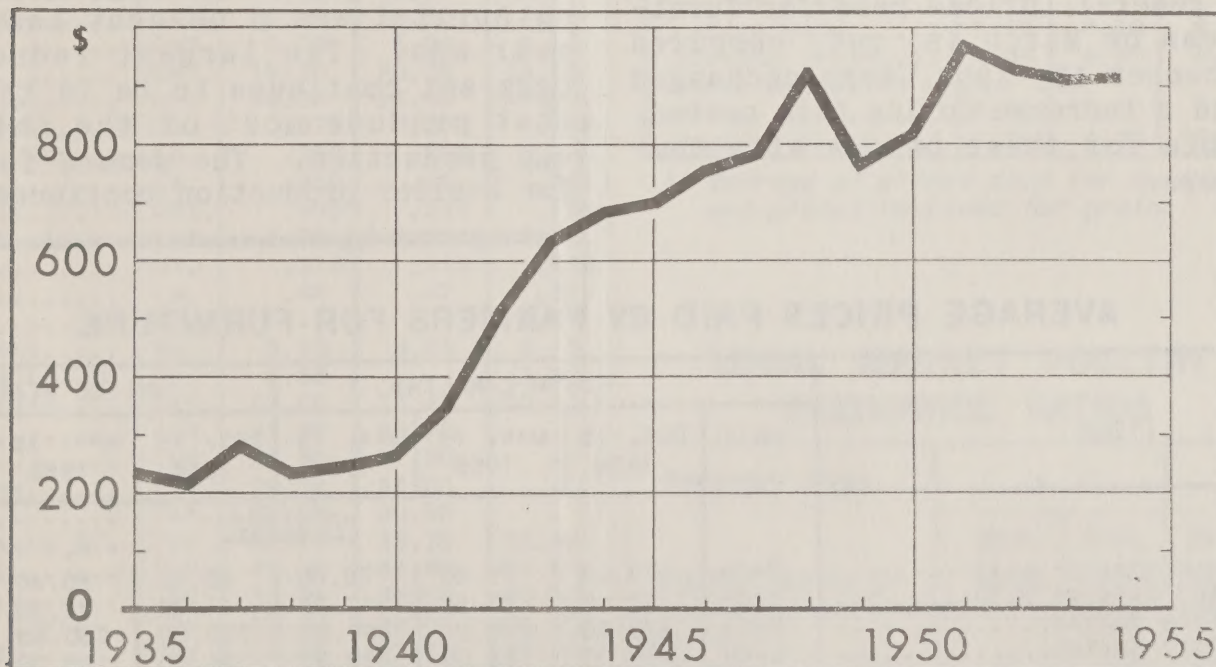
The Index of Prices Received by Farmers rose 3 points (one percent) during the past month to 247 percent of its 1910-14 average. Higher prices for potatoes, hogs, strawberries, and beef cattle were primarily responsible for the increase. Lower prices for eggs, milk, and tomatoes were only partially offsetting. The Index was 4 percent lower than in April 1954, with lower hog and feed grain prices primarily responsible. During the past month the All Crops Index increased 3 percent while
 (See Prices, Parity, Parity Ratio Page 2)

N. C. PRICES INDEX UP 1 POINT

The 'All Farm Products' index of prices received by North Carolina farmers at local markets increased 1 point during the month ended April 15, 1955. The April index of 299 compares with an index of 300 a year ago and an index of 291 on April 15, 1953. All commodity indexes except oil bearing, grains, livestock and livestock products, poultry, and dairy were above those last month.

Stronger prices for hogs, beef cattle, and lambs caused the meat animals index to increase 12 points during the month. Lower prices received for eggs and chickens caused the poultry index to
 (See N. C. Prices Page 2)

PER CAPITA INCOME OF PEOPLE ON U. S. FARMS



Average per capita income of the U. S. farm population was slightly higher in 1954 than in 1953, and only a little below the all-time high reached in 1951. Total income of the farm population from all sources, farm and nonfarm, was 20.1 billion dollars in 1954, 3 percent less than in 1953. There were 3-½ percent

fewer people sharing in the total, however, so that U. S. per capita income rose from \$914 in 1953 to \$916 in 1954. As compared with the post-War high in 1951, total income was down 24 percent, but there were 9 percent fewer people on farms, and income per farm was down 5 percent.

PRICES, PARITY,

PARITY RATIO(continued)

the Livestock and Livestock Products Index declined slightly.

The Parity Index (Prices Paid for Commodities, Interest, Taxes, and Wage Rates) remained unchanged from March 15 to April 15 as advances in prices of family living items offset lower prices for production goods and wage rates. At 284, the April Parity Index was nearly 1 percent higher than the revised index of a year earlier. Prices of family living items, interest, taxes, and wage rates averaged slightly above a year earlier, but prices of production goods averaged slightly lower.

The Parity Ratio rose one point to 87 as the Index of Prices Received by Farmers for farm products advanced slightly with the Parity Index unchanged. This is the same as February, and 4 points (4 percent) below April 1954.

FURNITURE PRICES UP

Average prices paid by North Carolina farmers for most furniture items on March 15, 1955 were above those paid on the same date a year earlier. All items in the survey increased in price with exception of refrigerators and dining-room suites.

In general, prices paid for furniture items on March 15, 1955 compared with December 15, 1954, were unchanged or showed a increase during this period. (See table for these prices with comparisons).

N. C. PRICES(continued)

decrease 10 points.

The ratio of prices received by N. C. farmers to prices paid by U. S. farmers remained the same as last month but declined 1 point below the ratio 106 for April 15, 1954 (See table for comparisons).

CHICK PRODUCTION UP

North Carolina's commercial hatcheries produced an estimated 9,445,000 chicks during March. This March output was 11 percent above the record output for March a year earlier and 22 percent above the 1949-53 average March production of 7,739,000 chicks.

Chick production for the first 3 months of 1955 totaled 23,007,000 -- 8 percent above the 21,280,000 chicks produced for the comparable period during 1954.

For the Nation, chick production during March was 18 percent less than the number hatched during March last year. The number hatched totaled 252,473,000 compared with 308,268,000 in March last year and the 1949-53 average of 274,101,000. Of the 252,473,000 chicks hatched in March 104,660,000 were for broiler production and 147,813,000 were for other purposes.

A smaller April hatch is in prospect as the number of eggs in incubators on April 1 was 9 percent less than a year ago. The largest reduction in eggs set continues to be in the States that produce most of the chicks for egg production. The demand for chicks for broiler production continues strong.

AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR FURNITURE

ITEMS	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES			
	UNIT	DEC. 15 1954	MAR. 15 1955	MAR. 15 1954	DEC. 15 1954	MAR. 15 1955	MAR. 15 1954
		-DOLLARS-					
RUGS AXMINISTER 9' x 12'.....	EACH	73.00	73.00	72.00	80.40	80.40	79.40
RUGS, FELT BASE 9' x 12'.....	EACH	11.50	11.50	11.00	11.20	11.30	10.90
DINING-ROOM SUITES.....	EACH	230.00	240.00	260.00	250.00	250.00	251.00
LIVING-ROOM SUITES.....	EACH	150.00	155.00	150.00	186.00	185.00	183.00
BEDROOM SUITES.....	EACH	160.00	170.00	145.00	177.00	177.00	174.00
BEDSTEADS, METAL DOUBLE.....	EACH	16.00	15.50	14.50	16.00	16.10	15.60
MATTRESSES 54" FELTED COTTON...	EACH	27.50	26.50	25.00	23.60	23.40	23.00
BED SPRINGS, DOUBLE SAGLESS....	EACH	20.00	19.50	19.00	19.80	19.80	19.20
KITCHEN CABINETS.....	EACH	59.00	60.00	56.00	59.50	58.70	59.20
STOVES, 6-HOLE KITCHEN RANGES....	EACH	100.00	110.00	105.00	118.00	118.00	116.00
WASHING MACHINE, WRINGER TYPE, ELECTRIC.....	EACH	135.00	140.00	135.00	135.00	136.00	133.00
REFRIGERATORS, ELEC. (8 CU. FT.)..	EACH	230.00	230.00	235.00	239.00	234.00	247.00

HIGH PROTEIN FEEDS DOWN

Some Local Market Feed Price Ratios Down

Average prices paid by Tar Heel farmers for approximately half the feed items remained unchanged during the month ending April 15, 1955. Mixed dairy feeds, with the exception of the 29% and over protein, bran, corn meal, laying mash, and scratch grain were the same on both dates. All high protein feeds, broiler growing mash, and poultry

ration were costing the farmer less.

The local market feed price ratios for egg-feed and farm chicken feed declined slightly. The broiler-feed and turkey feed ratios remained unchanged.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	UNIT	N. C.		U. S.
		MAR. 15	APR. 15	APR. 15
		1955	1955	1955
DOLLARS				
CORN.....	BU.	1.63	1.61	1.36
WHEAT.....	BU.	2.13	2.12	2.09
OATS.....	BU.	.95	.93	.727
BARLEY.....	BU.	1.25	1.22	1.07
RYE.....	BU.	2.20	2.20	1.06
SORGHUM GRAINS....	CWT.	2.60	2.60	2.23
SOYBEANS.....	BU.	2.70	2.70	2.42
PEANUTS.....	LB.	.139	.139	.125
COTTON.....	LB.	.330	.335	.319
COTTONSEED.....	TON	61.00	60.00	53.40
WOOL.....	LB.	.52	.52	.487
HOGS.....	CWT.	15.50	16.80	16.60
BEEF CATTLE.....	CWT.	12.40	12.60	17.00
VEAL CALVES.....	CWT.	20.20	18.50	17.60
SHEEP.....	CWT.	5.00	5.00	6.68
LAMBS.....	CWT.	19.20	20.20	19.60
MILK COWS.....	HD.	94.00	94.00	147.00
CHICKENS, ALL.....	LB.	.278	.274	.264
COM'L BROILERS....	LB.	.290	.285	.286
TURKEYS.....	LB.	.310	.31	.291
EGGS.....	DOZ.	.405	.375	.359
MILK, WHLSE. 1/...	CWT.	5.35 2/	5.15 3/	3.73
RETAIL 4/.....	QT.	.215	.214	.204
BUTTERFAT.....	LB.	.48	.47	.571
POTATOES.....	BU.	-	-	2.17
SWEETPOTATOES....	BU.	3.10	3.25	3.15
APPLES, COM'L.....	BU.	2.55	-	2.93
LESPEDEZA SEED....	CWT.	23.60	22.40	20.10
KOREAN.....	CWT.	21.50	19.00	-
KOBE.....	CWT.	26.50	27.00	-
COM. & TENN.....	CWT.	28.00	28.00	-
SERICEA.....	CWT.	30.00	30.00	-
HAY, ALL BALED 5/..	TON	34.60	33.70	22.40
ALFALFA.....	TON	45.00	42.50	23.60
LESPEDEZA.....	TON	37.00	36.00	30.50
SOYBEAN & COWPEA..	TON	33.00	32.00	32.20
PEANUT VINE.....	TON	23.00	23.50	26.90
OTHER.....	TON	32.50	32.00	-

1/ Estimated average prices for the month for all milk sold at wholesale to plants and dealers.

2/ Revised.

3/ Preliminary.

4/ Sold by farmers direct to consumers.

5/ The all hay price is the weighted average of separate kinds including an allowance for minor kinds.

FEED PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

FEED PER HUNDREDWEIGHT	N.C.		U.S.	
	MAR. 15 1955	APR. 15 1955	MAR. 15 1955	APR. 15 1955
	<i>DOLLARS</i>			
MIXED DAIRY FEED UNDER 29% PROTEIN				
ALL.....	4.05	4.05	3.93	3.87
16% PROTEIN.....	3.90	3.90	3.86	3.79
18% PROTEIN.....	3.95	3.95	3.90	3.84
20% PROTEIN.....	4.30	4.30	4.17	4.09
24% PROTEIN.....	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.24
29% AND OVER.....	4.90	4.85	4.73	4.63
HIGH PROTEIN FEEDS				
LINSEED MEAL.....	-	-	4.75	4.56
SOYBEAN MEAL.....	4.95	4.80	4.62	4.45
COTTONSEED MEAL..	4.10	4.05	4.36	4.26
MEAT SCRAP.....	5.40	5.20	5.28	5.11
GRAIN BY-PRODUCTS				
BRAN.....	3.50	3.50	3.11	3.08
MIDDINGS.....	3.70	3.75	3.23	3.24
CORN MEAL.....	4.60	4.60	3.72	3.69
CORN GLUTON.....	-	-	3.68	3.55
POULTRY FEED				
LAYING MASH.....	5.10	5.10	4.75	4.70
SCRATCH GRAIN....	4.45	4.45	4.28	4.25
BROILER GROWING				
MASH.....	5.30	5.20	5.15	5.13
POULTRY RATION 1/	4.26	4.25	3.76	3.73

1/ Average of prices paid for commercial feeds and prices received for grain.

LOCAL MARKET POULTRY FEED-PRICE RATIOS

POULTRY FEED PRICE RATIO 1/	N. C.		U. S.	
	Mar. 1955	Apr. 1955	Mar. 1955	Apr. 1955
Egg-Feed (Poultry Ration)	9.5	8.8	10.6	9.6
Farm Chicken Feed 2/ Broiler-Feed (Broiler Mash)..	5.0	4.9	5.6	5.5
Turkey Feed 2/..	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.6
	7.3	7.3	7.8	7.8

1/ Pounds of feed equal in value to one dozen eggs, one pound farm chickens, one pound broilers and one pound turkeys.

2/ Poultry ration.

CORN STOCKS LOW IN STATE

MOST OTHER GRAINS HIGH

Total stocks of corn in all positions in N. C. on April 1, 1955 were estimated at 19,438,000 bushels. This total was made up of 2,778,000 bushels in commercial off-farm storage and 16,660,000 bushels on farms. The quantity of corn held in off-farm positions was the highest for the date since records began in 1944; however, on-farm stocks were the lowest since 1933. Total stocks in all positions a year ago amounted to 21,820,000 bushels.

Wheat stocks in all positions in the State totaled about 2,326,000 bushels on April 1, or about 4 percent less than April 1 last year. Combined rye holdings at 29,000 bushels were about normal for theseason.

Oats stocks in all positions at 4,119,000 bushels were about 8 percent larger than April 1, 1954 and the largest of record. Likewise, barley stocks were at the highest level of record for the date, reaching 448,000 bushels. Barley stocks were nearly a third higher than a year earlier. Sorghum grain stocks in off-farm positions (farm stocks not estimated for April 1) were at a record-high level of 122,000 bushels -- 11,000 bushels above April 1 of last year.

UNITED STATES

Stocks of over 1,212 million bushels of wheat stored in all positions in the Nation on April 1, 1955 are the largest for that date in the comparable series beginning in 1935. This total is over 7 percent larger than a year earlier, the previous recordholdings for April 1. Current stocks are 253 million bushels less than the January 1, 1955 stocks.

The 19.9 million bushels of rye stored in all positions on April 1, 1955 is the largest for that date since 1944 and exceeds the April 1 stocks a year earlier by nearly 7 percent.

Corn stocks of 2,115 million bushels in all storage positions on April 1 reached a new high mark for the date, about 6 percent larger than

the previous record a year ago. Farm stocks of 1,410 million bushels were only a little smaller than the relatively large reserves of the last two years. The off-farm portion, however, was much larger than on any previous April 1, chiefly because of the 513 million bushels owned and stored in their own bins by Commodity Credit Corporation. The 56 million bushels of commercial stocks at terminals was a relatively large quantity for that position. The 136 million bushels at interior mills, elevators and warehouses was by far the largest in 13 years of record for April 1. From the October 1, 1954 supply of 3,572 million bushels of grain corn, disappearance to April 1 is computed at 1,457 million bushels, much less than usual for the 6-month period. In the January-March quarter, disappearance is indicated at 687 million bushels, nearly as large as in that period of 1954, but less than usual for the quarter.

Oats stocks of 621 million bushels were over a fourth larger than a year ago and almost up to the record for April 1 in 1946. Disappearance of 395 million bushels of oats since January 1, 1955 is much larger than usual for the quarter, and has been exceeded only in 1946.

Barley stocks of nearly 207 million bushels in all positions were the largest of record and two-thirds larger than holdings on April 1 a year ago. Disappearance of 77 million bushels during the January-March quarter was the largest since 1951.

For sorghum grains, stocks data are available on April 1 for only the off-farm positions. The off-farm total of 120.6 million bushels is the largest of record and more than three times the holdings in these positions last year.

Consumer income after taxes so far this year has been running 3 percent above the same period of 1954. About a fourth continues to be spent for food. A little less of the consumer's food dollar is going to the farmer -- 42 cents in the first quarter compared with 45 cents a year earlier.

NORTH CAROLINA AND UNITED STATES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX	Mar. 15 1955	Apr. 15 1955	Apr. 15 1954	Apr. 15 1953	Apr. 15 1952
<i>NORTH CAROLINA INDEX NUMBERS</i>					
All Farm Products.....	298	299	300	291	306
All Crops.....	317	320	316	303	323
Tobacco.....	391	393	390	363	389
Cotton.....	273	277	281	273	326
Oil Bearing.....	347	345	321	313	325
Grains.....	183	181	184	194	196
Commercial Vegetables.....	255	271	244	333	285
Fruits.....	308	330	320	305	282
Livestock & Livestock Products	230	226	245	248	244
Meat Animals.....	235	247	332	286	304
Poultry.....	227	217	209	235	209
Dairy.....	230	223	221	236	241
Ratio of Prices Rec'd to Paid*	105	105	106	104	106
<i>UNITED STATES INDEX NUMBERS</i>					
Prices Received.....	244	247	257	259	292
Prices Paid, Int., Taxes & Wage Rates.....	284	284	283	280	290
Parity Ratio.....	86	87	91	92	101

* Ratio of N. C. Prices received for all farm products to U. S. Prices Paid.

N. C. AND U. S. GRAIN STOCKS, APRIL 1, 1955, WITH COMPARISONS

CROP	OFF-FARM STOCKS <i>a/</i>			ON-FARM STOCKS			TOTAL STOCKS <i>b/</i>		
	Apr. 1 1954	Jan. 1 1955	Apr. 1 1955	Apr. 1 1954	Jan. 1 1955	Apr. 1 1955	Apr. 1 1954	Jan. 1 1955	Apr. 1 1955
NORTH CAROLINA				<i>- THOUSAND BUSHELS -</i>					
Wheat.....	1,082	1,540	1,136	1,351	2,305	1,190	2,433	3,845	2,326
Rye.....	2	3	2	17	35	27	19	38	29
Corn.....	2,010	2,871	2,778	19,810	27,608	16,660	21,820	30,479	19,438
Oats.....	345	574	448	3,468	7,547	3,671	3,813	8,121	4,119
Barley.....	42	109	80	297	640	368	339	749	448
Sorghum.....	111	156	122	<i>c/</i>	1,268	<i>c/</i>	<i>c/</i>	1,424	<i>c/</i>
UNITED STATES				<i>- MILLION BUSHELS -</i>					
Wheat.....	831.3	1,150.2	1,004.5	296.6	315.7	207.9	1,127.9	1,465.9	1,212.4
Rye.....	13.2	16.4	12.2	5.5	9.2	7.7	18.6	25.6	19.9
Corn.....	519.0	732.0	705.0	1,473.7	2,070.2	1,410.0	1,992.8	2,802.2	2,115.0
Oats.....	43.9	93.2	67.8	447.3	922.6	553.3	491.2	1,015.8	621.1
Barley.....	48.6	118.0	89.4	75.5	165.8	117.5	124.1	283.8	206.8
Sorghum.....	37.5	138.0	120.6	<i>c/</i>	51.8	<i>c/</i>	<i>c/</i>	189.8	<i>c/</i>

a/ Includes stocks at Interior Mills, Elevators, and Warehouses, commercial stocks reported by Grain Division, AMS, at terminals, and those owned by CCC which are in transit to ports, in bins, ships and other storages under CCC control.

b/ Totals may vary slightly due to rounding.

c/ Not available.

AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR SPECIFIED FOOD ITEMS

ITEMS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		DEC. 15	MARCH 15	MARCH 15	DEC. 15	MARCH 15	MARCH 15
		1954	1955	1954	1954	1955	1954
		CENTS					
SUGAR-----	PER 10 LBS.	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.03	1.04	1.04
FLOUR-----	PER 25 LBS.	2.05	2.05	2.00	2.12	2.15	2.13
BREAD, WHITE-----	PER LB.	-	18.1	17.6	-	17.3	16.8
CORN MEAL-----	PER LB.	6.8	6.8	6.7	7.5	7.5	7.6
ROLLED OATS, PACKAGED	PER LB.	-	15.8	15.8	-	14.2	13.9
RICE-----	PER LB.	18.9	19.0	19.9	17.8	18.2	18.4
BACON-----	PER LB.	62.0	55.0	77.0	62.9	57.6	76.7
ROUND STEAK-----	PER LB.	70.0	74.0	75.0	77.5	77.9	75.8
PORK CHOPS-----	PER LB.	-	-	-	66.9	63.7	75.0
LARD-----	PER LB.	24.7	21.2	26.0	23.7	20.6	25.1
BUTTER-----	PER LB.	75.0	75.0	81.0	71.0	70.8	77.0
CHEESE, AMERICAN----	PER LB.	-	57.0	60.0	-	56.0	58.2
COFFEE,-----	PER LB.	1.05	93.0	1.05	1.06	96.0	1.05
TEA, ORANGE PEKOE---	PER LB.	1.40	1.40	1.35	1.37	1.49	1.30
ORANGES 216'S-----	PER DOZ.	29.0	32.0	32.0	44.3	45.1	44.3
BANANAS-----	PER LB.	-	14.5	14.6	-	17.2	16.9
APPLES, FRESH-----	PER LB.	11.2	12.4	14.4	14.3	15.2	15.6

MOST FOOD PRICES DOWN

Average prices paid by North Carolina farmers for specified food items on March 15, 1955 were generally less than those being paid a year ago. Bacon, coffee, and butter showed the largest decrease of any items, while tea and flour showed the largest increase compared with prices farmers were paying March 15, 1954.

Prices paid for sugar, rolled oats, and oranges remained the same for both dates.

SOME CLOTHING ITEMS CHEAPER

North Carolina farmers were paying slightly less for some clothing items in March than they were on the same date a year earlier. Wool suits, extra woolen trousers, cotton work shirts, cotton work socks, and percale all declined in price from the previous year. Meanwhile, the women were paying more for percale house dresses, shoes or oxfords, and rayon panties. Prices paid for cotton trousers, overalls, shorts, men's work shoes, rubber boots, and muslin remained unchanged (See table for these prices with comparisons).

AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR CLOTHING

ITEMS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		DEC. 15	MAR. 15	MAR. 15	DEC. 15	MAR. 15	MAR. 15
		1954	1955	1954	1954	1955	1954
		DOLLARS					
SUITS, WOOL, 1 PAIR PANTS..	EACH	40.00	40.50	42.00	42.20	42.40	42.40
EXTRA TROUSERS, WOOLEN.....	PAIR	10.50	10.00	11.00	11.10	11.00	11.00
TROUSERS, COTTON.....	PAIR	3.70	3.70	3.70	3.93	3.85	3.89
OVERALLS.....	PAIR	3.25	3.30	3.30	3.33	3.32	3.37
SHIRTS, COTTON WORK.....	EACH	2.15	2.05	2.10	1.86	1.83	1.83
SOCKS, COTTON WORK.....	PAIR	.32	.31	.32	.31	.30	.30
UNDERSHIRTS.....	EACH	.65	.66	.65	.64	.64	.64
SHORTS.....	EACH	.78	.77	.77	.76	.76	.77
SHOES, WORK, MEN'S.....	PAIR	6.80	6.60	6.60	6.97	6.93	6.90
BOOTS, RUBBER KNEE-LENGTH..	PAIR	6.10	6.20	6.20	6.18	6.19	6.11
DRESSES, HOUSE, PERCALE.....	EACH	3.05	3.35	3.10	3.10	3.11	3.06
RAYON PANTIES.....	PAIR	.60	.62	.60	.62	.62	.62
SHOES OR OXFORDS, WOMEN'S..	PAIR	5.40	5.20	5.10	5.43	5.41	5.41
MUSLIN, UNBLEACHED 36" WIDE.	YARD	.27	.28	.28	.30	.30	.31
PERCALE, 36" WIDE.....	YARD	.48	.37	.46	.46	.46	.46

MARCH SLAUGHTER AT RECORD LEVEL

Commercial slaughter of major species of livestock in North Carolina during March was estimated at 25,561,000 pounds (liveweight basis). Slaughter during the month was seasonally higher by 14 percent than that of February, was nearly 9 percent above March of last year, and reached the highest point of record for any March.

Cattle slaughter in the State during March at 10,092,000 pounds and hog slaughter at 14,601,000 pounds were both the highest of record for the month, and were 9 and 10 percent, respectively, above March 1954. Calf slaughter during the month totaled 859,000 pounds, or about 4 percent less than March a year ago. Sheep and lamb slaughter at 9,000 pounds was about 1,000 pounds below March 1954.

Red meat production in commercial slaughter plants of the United States during March totaled 2,185 million pounds. This was 17 percent more than the 1,863 million pounds produced in February and 8 percent more than the 2,021 million pounds produced in March a year earlier.

The number of cattle slaughtered in March was estimated at 2,097,000. This was 16 percent more than the 1,-

802,000 slaughtered in February and 2 percent more than the March 1954 total 2,063,600 head.

March calf slaughter totaled 1,-121,900 head. This was 25 percent more than the 898,000 killed in February, but only 2,500 head more than the number killed in March 1954. Veal production in March totaled 119 million pounds, -- 19 percent more than the previous month but 2 percent less than the output in March a year ago.

Pork production in March totaled 913 million pounds, up 17 percent from a month earlier and 19 percent from a year earlier. March hog slaughter, estimated at 6,778,300 was 16 percent more than the 5,824,700 in February and 20 percent more than the 5,648,400 head slaughtered in March 1954.

The amount of mutton and lamb produced in March was estimated at 68 million pounds. This exceeded February by 15 percent and March last year by 11 percent. The number of sheep and lambs slaughtered during March was estimated at 1,390,200 head. This was 15 percent more than the 1,206,800 slaughtered in February and 9 percent more than the 1,274,500 head slaughtered in March a year ago.

NORTH CAROLINA AND UNITED STATES LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER*

Species	March				January - March Total			
	Number Slaughtered		Total Liveweight		Number Slaughtered		Total Liveweight	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
N. C.	<i>Thous. Head</i>		<i>Thous. Lbs.</i>		<i>Thous. Head</i>		<i>Thous. Lbs.</i>	
Cattle	11.9	12.9	9,260	10,092	33.0	38.4	25,825	29,876
Calves	5.1	4.9	896	859	14.3	14.3	2,431	2,513
Sheep & Lambs	0.1	0.1	8	9	0.3	0.3	26	27
Hogs	62.0	65.0	13,296	14,601	175.0	184.0	37,733	40,338
Total	79.1	82.9	23,460	25,561	222.6	237.0	66,015	72,754
U. S.	<i>Million Head</i>		<i>Million Lbs.</i>		<i>Million Head</i>		<i>Million Lbs.</i>	
Cattle	2.1	2.1	1,946	1,974	5.9	6.0	5,609	5,649
Calves	1.1	1.1	217	215	3.0	3.0	598	604
Sheep & Lambs	1.3	1.4	129	143	3.9	4.0	390	403
Hogs	5.6	6.8	1,324	1,593	16.4	19.5	3,869	4,613
Total	10.1	11.4	3,616	3,925	29.2	32.5	10,466	11,269

* Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other wholesale and retail slaughter; excludes farm slaughter.

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COMPARISON OF PRICES RECEIVED BY U. S. FARMERS AND PARITY PRICES

COMMODITY	Prices Received By Farmers		Parity Or Comparable Prices 1/		Average Prices As Percentage Of Parity	
	Mar. 15 1955	Apr. 15 1955	Mar. 15 1955	Apr. 15 1955	Mar. 15 1955	Apr. 15 1955
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, Lb.....	.3187	.3193	.3534	.3522	90	91
Wheat, Bu.....	2.12	2.09	2.52	2.51	84	83
Corn, Bu.....	1.36	1.36	1.83	1.82	74	75
Oats, Bu.....	.737	.727	.866	.866	85	84
Barley, Bu.....	1.08	1.07	1.35	1.35	80	79
Rye, Bu.....	1.12	1.06	1.69	1.69	66	63
Beef Cattle, Cwt....	16.70	17.00	21.40	21.40	78	79
Hogs, Cwt.....	15.40	16.60	21.40	21.40	72	78
Lambs, Cwt.....	19.80	19.60	23.50	23.50	84	83
Chickens, All,Lb....	.273	.264	.293	.293	93	90
Eggs, Doz.....	.397	.359	.466	.466	97	86
Milk, Whlse, Cwt. 2/	3.93	3.73	4.71	4.71	85	84

1/ Effective parity prices as computed currently in months indicated using base period prices and indexes then in effect.

2/ Estimated average price for the month for all milk sold at wholesale to plants and dealers.

3/ Preliminary.

4/ Percentage of seasonally adjusted prices to parity prices.